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Applicant: Macoviak et al. Docket No. 9542.18429-FOR
Serial No.: 10/676,815 Examiner: Alvin Stewart
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Title: Devices, Systems, and Methods for Supplementing, Repairing, or Replacing a Native Heart Valve Leaflet

**AMENDMENT A
AND
RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and Response responds to the office action mailed August 1, 2006, which set a shortened thirty day response period.

An automatic five month extension to respond, up to and including February 1, 2007, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows: